Court-Appointed Temporary Receiver for Link Motion Inc. Pursuant to The Honorable Judge Victor Marrero of the United States District Court, Southern District of New York

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# REQUEST FOR THIS LETTER AND THE ATTACHED INVOICES TO BE MAINTAINED UNDER SEAL

Re: Interim Receiver Status Report and Fee Application of the Temporary Court-Appointed Receiver of Link Motion, Inc. (Wayne Baliga v. Link Motion Inc. et al. 1:18-cv-11642)

Dear Honorable Judge Marrero,

I write to you pursuant to your Honor's February 1, 2019 Order (the "Order") to provide an interim status report. Over the past seven weeks my office has continued its pursuit of securing and maintaining assets of LKM inside the PRC, Hong Hong and the US, as well as actively participating in the Hong Kong arbitration proceedings with respect to the transfer of significant assets outside of the control of LKM. In addition, I respectfully request that your honor review and if acceptable, approve the invoices of the Receiver and his professionals.

#### **Interim Status Report**

Pursuant to Section 8 of your Honor's Order, set forth below is a summary of the key updates since the last-filed status report, filed on October 7, 2019.

1. The Receiver continues to work with local and foreign counsel, including Kobre & Kim LLP, foreign legal counsel in Hong Kong as well as accounting firm KLC Corporate Advisory to assist him in his duties outside of the United States, including with the arbitration and a plethora of issues inside China and Hong Kong related to the asset transfers of LKM and legal issues raised therefrom. This includes correspondence from banks and Court inside China. The Receiver is also actively working with KSG Attorneys at Law in the Cayman Islands, as approved

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by the Court, to assist with securing and maintaining assets and with other issues related to corporate governance in the Cayman Islands.

- 2. The Receiver and his U.S. counsel filed a required form 6-K with the SEC reporting that the Receiver has, after conducting due diligence, appointed a new director of the Hong Kong subsidiary of Link Motion, Inc. as well as removed and replaced the Legal Representative of the wholly foreign-owned enterprise ("WFOE") in the People's Republic of China. This action will help to ensure the preservation of assets and value.
- 3. The Receiver, as Ordered by the Court, and upon strong advice of Hong Kong counsel, is actively participating in the arbitration proceedings in Hong Kong where the Company is a party. The arbitration tribunal issued its Procedural Order, which sets out the procedural timetable for the proceeding. The Order confirmed the dates of the arbitration proceeding in Hong Kong to be March 30 - April 3, 2020, and also scheduled a pre-hearing conference for March 4, 2020. The governing law in the arbitration proceeding is New York law. Amiad Kushner, Esq. of Seiden Law Group LLP, along with support staff, will lead the arbitration litigation on behalf of the Receiver. Mr. Kushner is a very experienced arbitration attorney and has vast experience in Hong Kong arbitration proceedings. Mr. Kushner will be assisted by Michael Stolper, Esq., a three decade litigator with vast experience in commercial litigation and arbitrations. Counsel for the Receiver has submitted and filed a statement of Defense and Counterclaims on behalf of Link Motion, Inc., which included legal authorities, briefing and testimonial evidence in support of Link Motion, Inc.'s defenses and counterclaims. In addition, the Receiver's staff continue to work diligently reviewing and analyzing contracts, legal documents and emails produced by DLA Piper, Marcum, Skadden Arps and Loeb & Loeb for purposes of evaluating the complex financial transactions entered into by Link Motion, Inc. with various related and unrelated entities. This evaluation will help inform the Hong Kong arbitration and ongoing Chinese legal proceedings.
- 4. The Receiver, upon advice of counsel, continues its work to identify, secure and preserve assets of Link Motion, Inc., including sending formal letters and calls to commercial partners in the United States ensuring that they are aware of the Receivership orders in the U.S. and Hong Kong.
- 5. The Receiver continues to seek cooperation from former Officers and Directors of Link Motion, Inc. and former counsel to Link Motion and the Special Committee and follows up on demands for information as well as formal letters requesting information and compliance with the Courts Order.
- 6. The Receiver and his team continue to analyze documents and communication records produced by third party service providers in the US that had previously been engaged by the Company. In addition, the Receiver and his team have received large volumes of discovery in the Hong Kong arbitration proceedings and are actively reviewing and analyzing these documents and emails. In this regard, my

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office has engaged an outside third party vendor for the purpose of litigation ediscovery and search technology ("DISCO" is the name of the third party service provider):

- 7. The Receiver in concert with the Hong Kong co-Receiver and their legal counsel had previously taken formal control of Link Motion, Inc.'s Hong Kong subsidiary and this has been formally recognized by the company registry offices in Hong Kong. The Receiver through his PRC agents has taken the proper steps to gain formal control of the wholly foreign-owned enterprise (WFOE) in the People's Republic of China. The Receiver's PRC agent is actively pursuing efforts to secure the bank account of the WOFE from China Merchants Bank. In this regard, the Receiver used the passage of corporate resolutions and has appointed Mr. Lilin Guo to act as Chairman and legal representative of Link Motion, Inc. inside the PRC. Mr. Guo has successfully negotiated with other significant Link Motion, Inc. shareholders inside the PRC to assist in the process of gaining control of the VIE (Variable Interest Entity) contracts that ultimately maintain control over the Link Motion, Inc. PRC subsidiaries. These activities are ongoing and include legal proceedings inside China. The Receiver has also continued to work with Mr. Jianfeng Li who has provided invaluable English-Chinese and Chinese-English translation and advisory services inside China. The Receiver has engaged Mr. Henry Liu to assist with issues in China and the U.S., especially to advise and consult on legal issues and matters as they relate to ongoing litigation in China. Mr. Liu is the former head of the China SEC. In addition, Mr. Liu is consulting Mr. Lilin Guo inside China on the various legal issues as they relate to U.S. and Chinese law and regulations. Mr. Liu's expertise is in international dispute resolution, global asset recovery, cross-border securities fraud and FCPA and money-laundering issues. Mr. Liu is a renowned senior U.S. and international practicing lawyer as well as an experienced strategic and business advisor. He has had a distinguished career spanning 25 years with extensive experience in China's financial, securities and regulatory framework and rules.
  - 8. The Receiver has interviewed management from Link Motion, Inc.'s Finland operation in regards to possibilities for monetizing the Company's intellectual property assets controlled there. The Receiver and his counsel has had multiple conversations and correspondence with Finland management in this regard.

#### Receivership Account and Invoices

Section 5 of your Honor's Order provides for a bank account "to fund the Receivership including the compensation and expenses of the Receiver, which are subject to the approval of the Court." The Court ordered that Link Motion, Inc. "cooperate with the Receiver in establishing and funding the Receivership Account" with a minimum balance of \$100,000. Link Motion, Inc. has continually not complied with this order and no funds have been provided.

Section 6 of the Order states, "The Receiver and his professionals shall be paid on an hourly basis at a reasonable and customary rate for such work to be approved by the

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Court and paid promptly out of the Receivership Estate . . . Payment of the Receiver's compensation and expenses shall have priority over all other obligations, payments, or distributions of the Company." The Receiver respectfully requests that the attached invoices be reviewed by your honor, and subject to your approval, permit the Receiver to pay invoices to professionals and the Receiver who have been working tirelessly on this matter since February 1, 2019. The Receiver has carefully reviewed each invoice and believes they are fair and reasonable under the circumstances. The Receiver respectfully requests this Court's approval to pay the invoices upon approval of the Court from the Link Motion, Inc. funds that have been received in the Receiver escrow trust account.

Please do not hesitate to contact me via email or telephone if your honor wishes to discuss this request in more detail.

Respectfully submitted,

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